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REMARKS

In Office Action mailed May 6, 2005, the Examiner objected to the specification and drawings and further rejected the pending claims in view of the Dewald, Jr. et al. reference, the DiBiagio et al. reference and the McManus et al. reference, or some combination thereof. The Examiner did, however, indicate that Claims 21 and 49 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. By this paper, the Applicant has amended the specification and has further amended the claims to distinguish the art of record.

The Examiner objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a) as indicating that the details of Claims 51-53 are not shown in the drawings. The Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to Figures 6A and 3C and also Figures 6B and 3A. As discussed in the specification, at paragraphs 0067 and 0068, Figure 6A illustrates the linkage assembly in a compressed position such that the slide-out housing 120 is in the lifted orientation as illustrated in Figure 3C. Similarly, Figure 6B illustrates the linkage assembly 350 in a decompressed position such that the slide-out assembly is in the lowered orientation as illustrated in Figure 3A. The descriptions contained in paragraphs 0067 and 0068 describe the piston member as engaging with a portion of the recreational vehicle to lift the slide-out between the second and first level respectively, *e.g.*, the subject matter of Claims 51 and 52 and this subject matter is illustrated by the combination of these figures. Consequently, the Applicant does not believe that amendments to the drawings are necessary to illustrate the features of Claims 51 to 52. The Examiner had also rejected Claim 53, however, the Applicant is cancelling Claim 53 without prejudice to pursue in a subsequent continuation application. In the Office Action, the Examiner also objected to the drawings as failing to show reference numeral 514. However, the Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to Figure 9A wherein the gap 514 is enumerated in the drawings. A copy of Figure 9A with reference numeral 514 highlighted is being submitted concurrently herewith to illustrate that 514 was illustrated.

The Examiner also made objections to the specification. By this paper, the Applicant is submitting amendments to the specification to correct the informalities noted by the Examiner and further corrects additional informalities noted by the Applicant during prosecution of this and co-pending applications.

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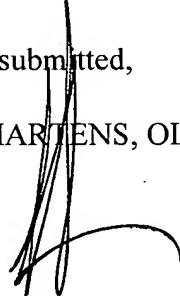
By this paper, the Applicant has also amended the two remaining independent claims, Claims 13 and 47 to incorporate the subject matter of Claims 21 and 49, respectively, which the Examiner indicated was subject matter that was allowable over the art of record. Hence, the Applicant believes that the above-captioned application is now allowable over the art of record and respectfully requests the allowance of the same. Should there be any impediment to the prompt allowance of this application that could be resolved by a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at the number shown below.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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